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MAJ. GEN. ARTHUR W. VANAMAN---Jan. 2, 1946 to Feb. 29, 1948 and June 16, 1952 to May 31, 1954---Support operations for the war in Korea boosted SMAMA's civilian strength to almost 18,000 during General Vanaman's command. Jets became the base's main emphasis as the F-86 Super Sabre replaced the B-29 Super Fortress and the principal workload. His career included two tours in Germany. The first as air attache in Berlin before World War II and the second as a prisoner of war when he was shot down in June, 1944.

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Brig Gen Arthur W. Vanaman

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BIOGRAPHY OF BRIGADIER GENERAL NEIL DAVID VAN SICKLE

PART I - Narrative

Neil David Van Sickle was born 8 July 1915 in Minot, North Dakota, where he attended local schools. He had served for two years as an enlisted man in the North Dakota National Guard, from which he was appointed in 1934 to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated on 14 June 1938 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry, and assigned to the 4th Cavalry, Fort Meade, South Dakota. In December 1940 he was transferred to the Army Air Corps after completing flying school at Kelly Field, Texas.

In the early years of World War II he served in the Army Air Force Antisubmarine Command in the North Atlantic area as a squadron commander and in various staff positions. In 1944 he served on the staff of the 73rd Wing (B-29) on Saipan, where he participated in attacks on Japan, flying sixteen combat missions, and at the war's end was deputy commander of the 497th Bombardment Group.

After the war he served, in turn, with the U. S. Delegation of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations, with the Alaskan Air Command, and with U.S. Air Force headquarters. From 1955 to 1957 he commanded the Strategic Air Command's 28th Bombardment Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota.

In April 1957 he was assigned to the U. S. - Taiwan Defense Command as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations. He was named Chief of Staff in October 1958, and was promoted in November, 1958 to the rank of Brigadier General. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek personally awarded him the Order of the Cloud and Banner in recognition of his

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outstanding job during the 1958 Taiwan Straits crisis.

His next assignment was to Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base Hawaii, where he served as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations until 1961. He was then assigned to Mather Air Force Base, California, as commander of the 3535th Navigator Training Wing.

The general, who is a command pilot, rated navigator and radar observer, was graduated in 1949 from the Armed Forces Staff College, and in 1954 from the Air War College. He is well known in military flying circles for his widely read textbook "Modern Airmanship" which deals with all phases of flying operations. First compiled and published in 1957, it was revised in 1961.

General Van Sickle has been awarded the Bronze Star, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Commendation Ribbon, American Defense Medal, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He is married to the former Marjorie Sims of The Dalles, Oregon, and they have four children: Anne, 20, married to Lt. A. J. Frederick, McConnell AFB, Kansas; Kathleen, 16; Peter, 12, and Jane, 7.

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Retirement effective 1 Aug 1968



## PART II. FACT SHEET

### A. Personal Data

1. Born Minot, North Dakota, 8 July 1915; parents, Guy R. Van Sickle and Hilda Rosenquist.

2. Married to the former Marjorie Sims, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sims, The Dalles, Oregon, now residing in Portland, Ore.

Children: Anne F. born July 6, 1941 at Manchester, N. H., Kathleen, born Apr 5, 1945 at The Dalles, Ore., Peter S., born May 13, 1949 at Fairbanks, Alaska, and Jane E. born Nov 17, 1954 at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota.

3. Home town address - Minot, North Dakota.

### B. Education

1. Graduated U. S. Military Academy, West Point, 14 June 1938.

2. Pilot training at Kelly Field, 1940.

3. Graduated Armed Forces Staff College, 1949.

4. Graduated Air War College 1954.

### C. Service dates

1932-1934 North Dakota National Guard

1934-1938 U.S. Military Academy, West Point

1938-1940 4th Cavalry, Fort Mead, South Dakota

1940 Pilot training Dec 1940

1940 Assigned 3rd Attack Group, Savannah, Ga.

1941-1944 Army Air Force Anti-submarine Command, North Atlantic area Squadron Commander, 8th Antisubmarine Sq., Tactical Inspector, Hq AAFAC.

1944-1945 73rd Wing, Saipan, Ass't Wing Opns O, Deputy Gp Comdr.

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1945-1955 U.S. Delegation of the Military Staff Committee, United Nations  
Alaskan Air Command, D/O Yukon Air Division, Comdr, Ladd AFB.

Headquarters, U.S.A.F., Washington. Ch, A/C Programming Div.,  
Ass't for Programming DCS/O.

1955-1957 Wing Commander, 28th Bombardment Wing, (SAC) Ellsworth AFB, S. D.

1957-1958 Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations, U. S. Taiwan Defense Command

1958-1959 Chief of Staff, U.S. Taiwan Defense Command and Military Assistance  
Advisory Group

1959-1961 Headquarters, PACAF, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, Assistant Chief of Staff, Ops.

1961 Commander 3535th Navigator Training Wing and Mather AFB, Calif.

#### D. Decorations and Medals

Bronze Star, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Cluster, Commendation Ribbon, American

Defense Medal, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic

Pacific Theater Ribbon, and National Defense Service Medal. Order of the Cloud and

Banner by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

#### E. Promotions

	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
Second Lieutenant	14 June 38	14 June 1938
First Lieutenant	4 Oct 40	14 June 1941
Captain	17 Oct 41	
Major	6 May 42 (DOR 1 Mar 42)	
Lieutenant Colonel	30 Jun 43 (DOR same)	1 Jul 48
Colonel	22 Nov 48	23 Jul 52
Brigadier General	20 Nov 58 (DOR 14 Jul 58)	

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PART III.

A. Interests

1. Hobbies; sports; diversions;

Hobbies - flying, camping

Sports - riding, hunting, and fishing

Diversions - aeronautical writing

2. Civic and religious activities:

Trinity Episcopal Church, Folsom, California

B. Opinions, tastes and evaluations:

1. Food; clothing; housing, etc.

Food - plain

Clothing - plain

Housing - adequate

2. Tastes in reading, music, etc.

Reading - Wading thru Syntopicon, admirer of Plato and Carl Sandberg

Music - semi classical

Travel - by air

Climate -temperate or sub arctic

Scenery - Western

4. Points or qualities emphasized or demanded in dealing with others: honesty and willingness to assume responsibility.

5. Comments of contemporaries:

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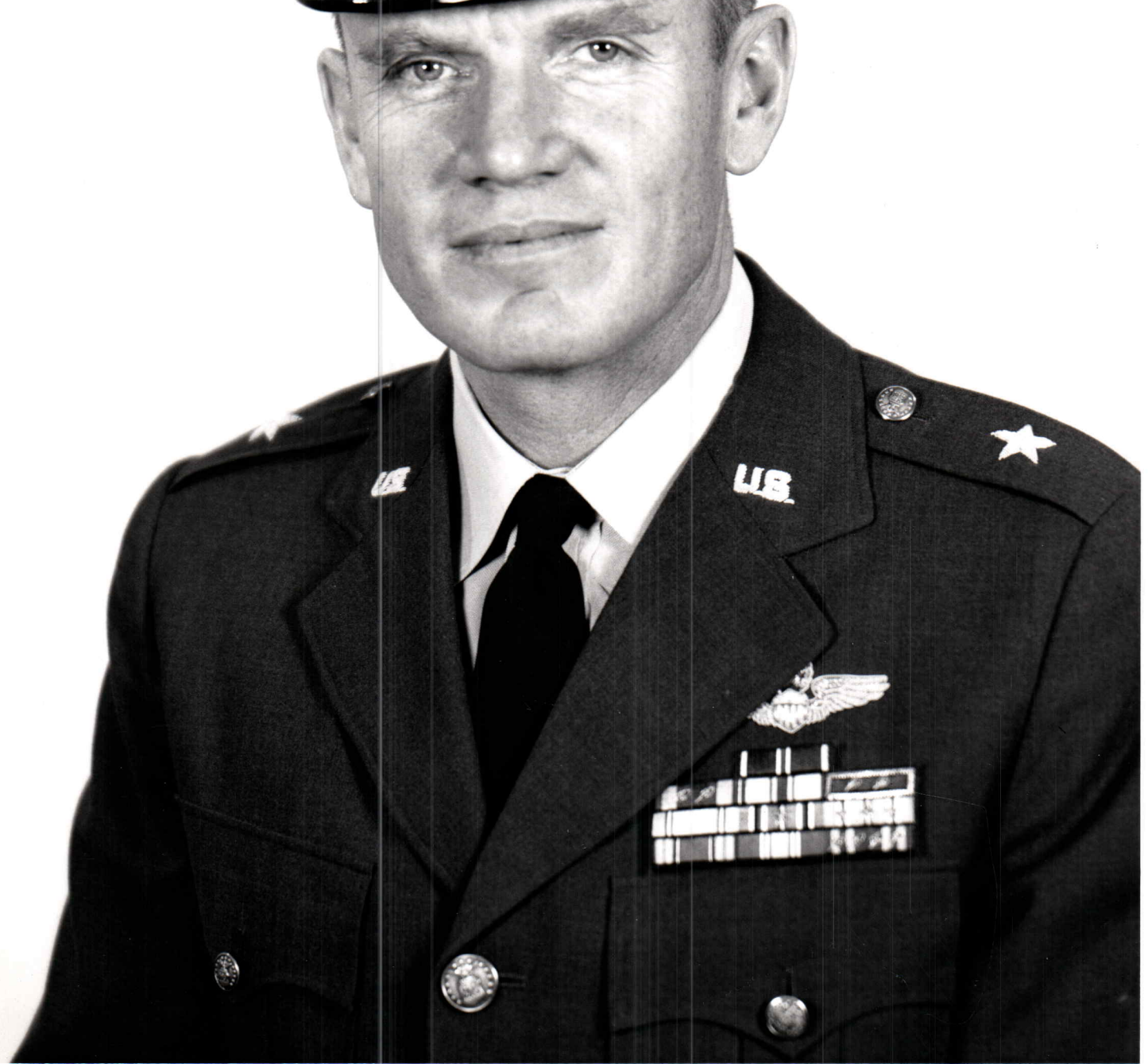
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A native of North Dakota, General Van Sickle was an enlisted man for two years with the North Dakota National Guard when he was appointed to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He began his Army career in the Cavalry, however, he transferred to the Army Air Corps and became a command pilot, rated navigator and radar observer as well as author of a widely read textbook, "Modern Airmanship", dealing with all phases of flying operations. After varied and diversified assignments, Van Sickle was moved to Mather Air Force Base. General and Mrs. Van Sickle are parents of four children, Anne, 20, married to Lt. A. J. Fredrick, McConnell AFB, Kansas; Kathleen, age 16; Peter, age 12 and Jane, 7.

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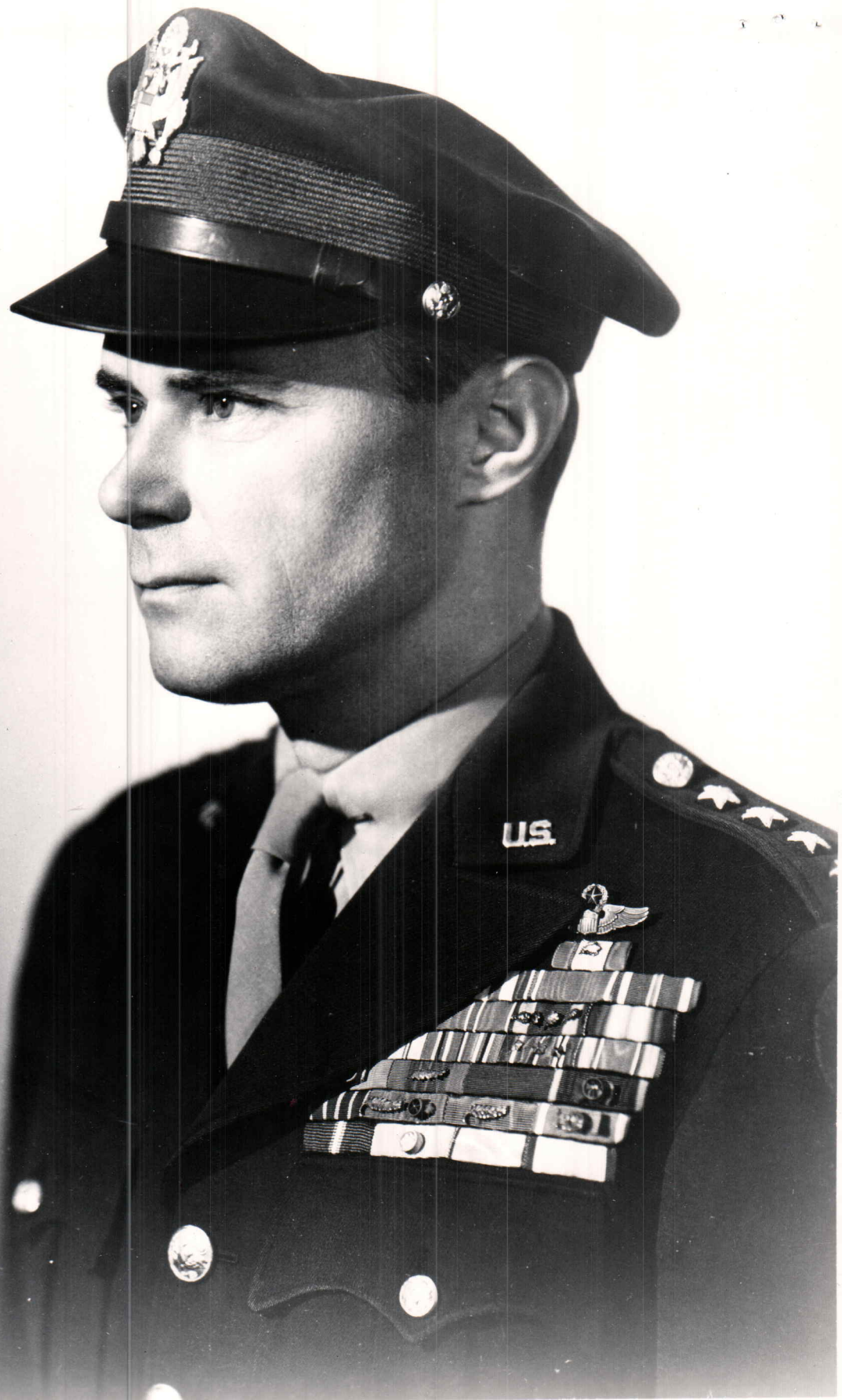
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BIOGRAPHY

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM W. VEAL, USAF

Major General William Watterson Veal is commander of the Sacramento Air Materiel Area at McClellan Air Force Base.

General Veal was born in New York City November 1, 1914. He was graduated from Riverdale High School in Toronto, Canada, in 1935, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in metallurgy from the University of Toronto in 1939. In 1949, he received a master's degree in industrial engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He entered military service February 8, 1940 as a flying cadet and was commissioned a second lieutenant October 4, 1940.

As a major, he was assigned to the European Theater of Operations May 6, 1943. He participated in the Normandy Air Offensive, Europe, Rome-Arno, Southern and Northern conflicts. As a lieutenant colonel, he returned to the United States March 17, 1946.

From March 18, 1946 to July 15, 1946 he was in a reserve status and was employed by the Nome Creek Mining Company, Alaska, in charge of production.

From July 16, 1946 to September 26, 1947, Lieutenant Colonel Veal was assigned as executive and operations officer in the Operations Division, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Hq USAF, Washington, D. C.

From September 27, 1947 thru August 16, 1948 he was assigned as officer-in-charge of Sub-Section, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Hq USAF. He entered the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, receiving his master's degree in industrial engineering September 15, 1949.

Colonel Veal returned to Washington, D.C., where he enrolled in a student course in the Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller, and October 10, 1949 was assigned as chief, Machine Accounting Division, Deputy Chief of Staff, Hq USAF. He remained in this position until June 22, 1951 when he was transferred to Hq Air Materiel Command (AMC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and assigned as chief, Statistical Services Division.

In September, 1953, he was assigned as special project officer, Office of the Commander, Headquarters AMC, and was chairman for a special task force group to study reorganization of the Directorate of Procurement and Production. On completion of this assignment, he entered the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, August 23, 1954.

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From September 2, 1955 to August 31, 1956, Colonel Veal was deputy director for procurement and production, Headquarters Air Materiel Forces, Europe, Lindsey Air Force Station, Germany. He was named chief, Programming Office, Headquarters Air Materiel Forces, Europe, Germany, and remained in this position until November 8, 1957.

Colonel Veal became deputy and vice commander of Central Air Materiel Area, Europe, Chateauroux, France, November 9, 1957. He was named deputy commander of Headquarters Air Materiel Forces, Europe, Chateauroux, France, May 15, 1958, and continued in this position until May 31, 1959.

From June 1, 1959 to May 24, 1960, Colonel Veal was deputy commander of Mobile Air Materiel Area, Brookley AFB, Alabama. He became deputy commander, Dayton Air Force Depot, Gentile Air Force Station, Dayton, Ohio, June 22, 1960.

Colonel Veal became commander of Dayton Air Force Depot, Dayton, Ohio December 1, 1960. He was promoted to brigadier general April 1, 1961. He was commander of Defense Electronics Supply Center at the same location in 1962 and 1963. He was promoted to major general in February 1964. After serving as auditor general of the Air Force, 1963-64, he became deputy director for contract administration, Headquarters Defense Supply Agency, Cameron Station, Va., in July, 1964 and served there until he went to Wright-Patterson AFB in July, 1966, director, Plans and Programs, Hq AFLC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

In November, 1967, he was assigned to Sacramento Air Materiel Area, McClellan Air Force Base, California as commander.

(Current as of January 1969)

A. Personal Data

1. Born November 1, 1914, New York City. Father: William H. Veal  
Mother: Mary Watterson Veal Tuttle.
2. Wife: Margot Harvey Veal. Children: Patricia Mary and Melinda  
Louise.
3. Hometown Address: Toronto, Canada.

B. Education

Graduate of Riverdale High School, Toronto, Canada, 1935.  
Graduate University of Toronto, Canada, 1939.  
Graduate Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, 1949.  
Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C., Aug 23, 1954.  
Graduate Advanced Management Program, Harvard University, Feb 15, 1960.

C. Service Dates

Feb 1940 - Oct 1940 - AAF Prim and Basic Pilot Training  
Oct 1940 - Mar 1946 - Operations Officer & Ferry Comdr, ATC  
Jul 1946 - Sep 1947 - Executive & Operations Officer, Ops Div.,  
DCS/OPS, Hq USAF  
Sep 1947 - Aug 1948 - OIC, Sub-Section, DCS/OPS, Hq USAF  
Aug 1948 - Sep 1949 - Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.  
Sep 1949 - Oct 1949 - Student Course, DCS/Comptroller, Hq USAF  
Oct 1949 - Jun 1951 - Chief, Machine Accounting Division, DCS, Hq USAF  
Jun 1951 - Sep 1953 - Chief, Statistical Services Division, Air  
Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,  
Ohio  
Sep 1953 - Aug 1954 - Special Project Officer, Office of the Comdr,  
Hq AMC - Chairman of Special Task Force Group  
to study reorganization of the Directorate of  
Procurement and Production  
Aug 1954 - Sep 1955 - Industrial College of the Armed Forces  
Maxwell AFB, Alabama - 3894th School Group  
Sep 1955 - Aug 1956 - Deputy Director for Procurement and Production  
Hq Air Materiel Forces Europe, Germany  
Sep 1956 - Nov 1957 - Chief, Programming Office, Hq Air Materiel  
Forces, Europe, Germany  
Nov 1957 - May 1958 - Deputy & Vice Commander of Hq Central Air  
Materiel Area, Europe, Chateauroux, France.  
May 1958 - May 1959 - Deputy Commander, Hq Air Materiel Forces, Europe  
Chateauroux, France  
Jun 1959 - May 1960 - Deputy Commander, Mobile Air Materiel Area,  
Brookley AFB, Alabama  
May 1960 - Jun 1960 - Advanced Management Program, Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Jun 1960 - Dec 1960 - Deputy Commander, Dayton Air Force Depot,  
Gentile Air Force Station, Dayton, Ohio

Dec 1960 - Jun 1962 - Commander, Dayton Air Force Depot,  
Gentile Air Force Station, Dayton, Ohio

Jul 1962 - Aug 1963 - Commander, Defense Electronics Supply Center  
Dayton, Ohio

Aug 1963 - Jul 1964 - Auditor General, Comptroller, Air Force, Hq USAF

Jul 1964 - Jul 1966 - Deputy Director for Contract Administration,  
Headquarters Defense Supply Agency, Cameron  
Station, Va.

Jul 1966 - Oct 1967 - Director, Plans and Programs, Hq AFLC, WPAFB, Ohio

Nov 1967 - - Commander, Sacramento Air Materiel Area, McClellan  
AFB, California.

D. Decorations and Medals

Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster  
American Campaign Medal  
American Defense Service Medal  
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal  
World War II Victory Medal  
Distinguished Unit Citation Medal  
Presidential Unit Citation  
Bronze Star Medal  
Distinguished Flying Cross with one Oak Leaf Cluster  
Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster  
French Croix de Guerre with one Palm  
Occupation Medal (Germany)  
National Defense Service Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
AFLSA with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters  
French Legion of Honor

E. Promotions

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
2nd Lt		October 4, 1940
1st Lt		February 1, 1942
Captain		July 28, 1942
Major		January 7, 1943
Lt Colonel		December 1, 1943
Colonel	November 28, 1948	July 23, 1953
Brigadier General	April 1, 1961	February 28, 1963
Major General	February 27, 1964	April 30, 1965

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A. Interests

1. Favorite sports are skiing and swimming. However, he likes ice skating, woodworking, trap shooting and most sports.

2. He is active in community programs. Attends Chamber of Commerce meetings, participates in community activities such as charitable fund campaigns, etc. Actively participates in association lectures conducted by military and civilian groups. Participates in activities sponsored for the youth of the community such as Junior Achievement, Civil Air Patrol and Explorer Scouts.

B. Opinions, Tastes and Evaluations

1. A gourmet of good food, he is fond of Mexican, Chinese, Italian and all types of food. He is conservative in civilian dress, wears predominately brown and grey. He likes loud or bright colored ties and sports coats, such as the madras type.

2. Likes reading and television in the evening. He prefers technical or deep subjects rather than light or fictional reading. He has traveled extensively.

3. Stresses honesty and accuracy in all relationships. Prefers to deal with facts and evaluate them fully.

4. An advocate of modern business management concepts. Stresses importance of communication and the assumption of assigned responsibilities by supervisors at all levels.



# NEWS RELEASE

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Office of Information, Sacramento Air Materiel Area, McClellan AFB, Calif. 643-6127, 643-6128

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By Capt. Dick Sheffield

Jul 20, 1972

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## GENERAL VEAL RETIRES FROM MCCLELLAN

Major General William W. Veal, community leader and commander of the Sacramento Air Materiel Area for nearly five years, will retire July 28 at McClellan AFB.

General Jack Merrell, Commander of the Air Force Logistics Command, will present the retirement certificate at the 11 a.m. ceremony which will feature a jet aircraft flyover and performance's by both the 15th Air Force Band from March AFB and the Pipes and Drums, 1st Brigade, 91st Division Training, Army Reserve Bagpipe Band from Sacramento.

Succeeding Gen. Veal will be Major General George W. McLaughlin, who comes to the logistics center from duty as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Materiel at Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, VA.

Gen. Veal, who came to the Sacramento base in November of 1967, experienced both command and personal milestones while assigned to McClellan. In January of 1971 the SMAMA Commander, on behalf of the

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Air Materiel Area, received the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award which cited the installation's support of the Air Force in Southeast Asia and the Presidentially-directed Vietnamization program.

Nearly 12 months later, the 32-year military veteran was awarded the Eugene M. Zuckert Award, presented annually to an Air Force officer who exhibits outstanding managerial professionalism. Specifically noted, was the general's Vietnamization program, the development of the Small Business Office's contribution to President Nixon's Hardcore Employment Program and the initiation of the on-base Vocational Training Center for seniors in the Sacramento School District.

During the Toronto, Canada native's tenure, the AMA increased its role as a support base for aircraft weapon systems and commodities in nearly 40 countries throughout the world. There has been a continuing development of facilities for support of the F-111 program and recently the AMA was chosen to provide management and repair activities for the most current close ground support weapon system, the A-X.

Community involvement by base employees also received the General's emphasis. Encouraged by his leadership, McClellan's contributions to the United Crusade have totaled over \$1.5 million during his five-year tour.

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Working closely with the Chamber of Commerce and prominent business leaders, Gen. Veal has been instrumental in the development of the Military Task Force's program to insure the continuing presence of both McClellan and Mather Air Force Base as industrial and economic foundations in Sacramento.

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SPECIAL NOTE TO THE MEDIA: The retirement ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Friday, July 28 at McClellan. Anyone wishing to cover the event should enter through Gate 1 where an Information Office representative will provide press passes and directions to the retirement. For clearance and further information contact either Ken Lavin or Capt. Dick Sheffield at 643-6127/5527.





Maj Gen William W. Keal

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